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11. [ ] Talked with Senator J. W. Fulbright showing him a copy of the letter to the Director from J. Edgar Hoover. After he read it he indicated that this did not help a great deal. I then indicated that we had shown this to Senators Russell, Lausche and Hickenlooper giving him, in general terms, their views. I also indicated that I understood that Senator Dodd, after offering to be of help on this, had reversed his position and is now firm. Senator Fulbright stated it was his view that if it is to go this year it is up to the White House. I also indicated to Fulbright that I had spoken briefly with Pat Holt on [ ] and outlined to him that general situation including Bill Bundy's appearance before the Zablocki Subcommittee. Fulbright indicated that he knew of no strong feeling from the Committee to hear this and seemed to grasp the reasons for avoiding further comment. He added that, as in the U-2 affair, the appropriate response for the U. S. Government should have been no comment. I also indicated I had picked up some fairly solid rumors about a joint committee for intelligence. Fulbright stated he had heard none of these but thought maybe it would be a good thing for the Agency but rather doubted that Armed Services and other senior Senators would let this go through.

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